

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Applicants have amended the specification to include a paragraph claiming the benefit of priority to related applications. Applicants also have amended the specification to add an Abstract. The attached Abstract corresponds to the English language Abstract that was published in the PCT application, except that typographical errors have been corrected.

The claims provided herein are based on the amended claim set that was submitted in the PCT application on October 28, 2004. Claim 27 has been canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 1-26 and 28-30 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to further comply with U.S. patent practice. New claims 31-43 have been added. Support for claims 31-43 can be found in the former versions of claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 20, 25, and 26, from which claims 31-43 depend. Thus, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants ask that claims 1-26 and 28-43 as presented herein be examined. The enclosed filing fee takes into account the pending claims following entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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